

I have just become aware of the National Association Of Broadcasters attempts to "limit Local Oriented" material from satalight radio (XM and Sirius). This is a concern of mine. I listen to XM radio, I prefer XM over local Radio for several reasons. One better programing, I'm tired of the cookie cutter local stations that play the same 25 songs continually, it dosen't matter if it is a classic rock, country or top 40 station. They wear out the same tunes over and over again. XM has a better verietiy of music than any local station, everything from the 40's big bands to regea not to mention children orented stations. I find the control over what I hear refreshing, If I choose not to listen to the Howard Sterns or Bubba Loves in the world I don't have to. It's my choice, and I don't get suprised when a DJ comes on the air and tries something outragious because I know what is going on on what channel. Not to mention how tired I am of Herbal Male enhancement commercials.

Satalight radio is a better product that is the reason the Radio media giants want it to stop. It has nothing to do with local stations territorial rights. It has to do with money, the local stations are now parts of large corparations for the most part such as Clear Channel among others. They want to stop the publics rights to choose what they want to hear and when they should hear it. If the local Radio stations whould stop pandering to certain nitches of the market and sell to the whole local market they would have nothing to fear from satalight radio. This is no differnt than when the NAB tried to stop TV.

The NAB needs to quit picking on sattalight radio and blaming it for it's own shortfallings and do a better job and compete lagitamently in the market place instead of using the FCC to monopolize it for the BIG CORPARATE RADIO STATIONS. The little guys out there that really provide a local service and not stamped copies of other stations will be around for a long time and have nothing to fear.

This is nothing more than the Big Guy (NAB) using the Federal Goverment to Stop Competition. Some "free market" we have if the FCC accepts petition 04-160 or the lawmakers in Washington even considers voting on HR4026. This is just unfair regualtion of the market to preserve the Giant Media Companies holdings on the local market. I pay nothing for Local stations and they honestly provide nothing I want. I pay for satalight because they offer me the services I want and instant Traffic and Weather (not available in my area yet) is something I would like to have. The local Radio stations will never have it. Don't kill a better Product with better service because the old behemouth tells you to. If that the way things work where would we be if the Carrage Makers, and Horse Breeders lobbied to stop Henery Ford from making cars that could go faster than the Horse drawn Buggy.